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Hishashi OHTANI et al.) Art Unit 2814

Application Serial No. 09/197,767) Examiner: P. Cao

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE (To Be Amended))

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Responsive to the final Office Action mailed **December 19, 2001**, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE TITLE OF INVENTION:

Please delete the title of invention and substitute therefor --SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING A CONTACT HOLE EMBEDDED WITH A CONDUCTIVE LAYER--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 59 and 67-74 as follows. Attached hereto is a marked-up copy of the amended claims.

01 59. (Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein said medium is an